

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

Mr. Matthew B. Pagels, President Seneca Nation of Indians 12837 Route 438 Cattaraugus Territory Irving, NY 14081

Re: Final UIC Permit Decision for Roulette Oil & Gas, LLC

PAS2D050BPOT

Dear President Pagels:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region III (the Region), would like to thank you and the Seneca Nation of Indians (the Nation) for the time and patience exhibited throughout our consultation and coordination process regarding the proposed issuance of an Underground Injection Control Class II-D (UIC) permit (PAS2D050BPOT) to Roulette Oil & Gas, LLC of Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania. On March 8, 2021, the Nation provided EPA with many insightful and thoughtful comments on the proposed UIC permit and the Region hopes that it clearly and satisfactorily addressed and responded to each of the Nation's concerns, comments and proposals in our letter and Response to Comments to the Nation, dated August 29, 2021. At this time, the Region has made the decision to issue a final permit to Roulette Oil & Gas. The permit will expire in ten (10) years. This final permit decision effectively functions to bring an end to our consultation and coordination on this permitting action and EPA thanks the Nation for sharing its thoughts, concerns and proposals and providing the Region with the collaborative opportunity to review, consider, discuss and address each of them.

The Region's Response to Public Comments is also enclosed for your review. If the Nation has any additional questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Kevin Rowsey at [HYPERLINK "mailto:rowsey.kevin@epa.gov"] or 215-814-5463. We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Libertz, Director Water Division

Enclosure: Response to Public Comments

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